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## **Coroners will receive a pay increase for services**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon has approved pay increases for coroners when they are required to be on call, investigate a death or conduct or preside over an inquest.

"We recognize and appreciate the important services that Yukon's coroners provide," Minister of Justice Mike Nixon said. "Pay rates in regulation have been updated to provide coroners compensation that is reflective of their current job demands."

The amendments bring compensation provisions in line with other Canadian jurisdictions and improve the chief coroner's ability to procure services.

"Coroner investigations, report findings and recommendations improve the well-being of all Yukoners and streamlined delivery of these services is critical," Nixon added.

Yukon Coroner's Service operates independently from government, law enforcement agencies and health authorities. The office conducts death investigations and makes recommendations from their findings to improve public safety and prevent similar deaths from occurring.

Coroner services are managed by the chief coroner in Whitehorse and supported by 32 volunteer community coroners.

Coroner services are governed by the *Coroners Act and Regulations*.

Learn more: Yukon Coroner's Service

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